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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Election of Species Requirement dated June 8, 2005, Applicants hereby elect species 8 which the Examiner has identified. The claims which read on this species are 1-5, 9-12, 15, and 16.

Applicants note the following two items with respect to the Examiner's Election of Species requirement.

- 1) Applicants submit that claims 1-4 are generic to the identified species, and not just claim 1 as the Examiner indicated.
- 2) Applicants object to this Election of Species requirement. During a telephone conference with the Examiner on June 17, 2005, the Examiner indicated that he understood Applicants' response to the last Office Action to contain arguments that the various embodiments claimed in the pending claims were patentably distinct from each other. However, Applicants' response took no such position. What Applicants did in their response was to

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distinguish the claims from the prior art the Examiner cited. Nothing in Applicants' response should have prompted the Examiner to divide the embodiments into the ten species listed in the June 8, 2005 paper.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, an interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,
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